

2. ~~2~~ (amended). An apparatus, as in Claim ~~15~~<sup>1</sup>, further comprising a lumen configured to receive a stylet, wherein the lumen is coextensive with the shaft and substantially coextensive with the retention structure.

3 (amended). An apparatus, as in Claim ~~15~~<sup>1</sup>, further comprising a hydrogel coating disposed on an outer surface of the catheter.

B2 4 (amended). An apparatus, as in Claim ~~15~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the shaft includes an orientation marking at a proximal end of the shaft.

5 (amended). An apparatus, as in Claim ~~15~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein a proximal end of the shaft includes a beveled edge.

6 (amended). An apparatus, as in Claim ~~15~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the retention structure further includes a protuberance projecting from the retention structure.

B3 12 (amended). A method treating incontinence, comprising:

providing an apparatus including a shaft and a retention structure, wherein the retention structure forms a perimeter of a closed loop defining a plane that is generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the shaft and the longitudinal axis of the shaft is offset from a center of the closed loop and passes through the perimeter of the closed loop when the retention structure is unrestrained;

rendering the retention structure substantially rectilinear;

inserting the rectilinear retention structure through a urethra into a bladder;

reforming the retention structure into the closed loop; and

positioning the retention structure adjacent the neck of the bladder with the retention structure in a predetermined orientation.